

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 remain pending after amendment.

Claim Amendments

Various editorial revisions are made in the claims. New claims 12-14 are added. Support for claim 12 resides at page 9 of the specification. Support for claim 13 resides at page 9 of the specification. Support for claim 14 resides at page 18 of the specification. No new matter is added by this amendment.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-11 stand rejected on the ground of obviousness-type double patenting. In response, applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer directed to co-pending U.S. Patent application No. 10/945,997.

The double patenting rejection is accordingly believed to be moot, and should be withdrawn.

The application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, and an early indication of same earnestly is solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,



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